

This webinar provided an overview of the USACE National Regional Sediment Management (RSM) Program and beneficial use of dredged material. Dr. Katie Brutsché, (Program Manager, USACE RSM Program and Associate Technical Director, Navigation Research and Development) described the concept of RSM, why it's important, and how the program came to be. The presentation included example studies where RSM was successfully executed as a cross-disciplinary strategy to create more efficient and effective management of sediment related projects.



This summary of the Question / Answer session of the webinar is not a transcription; questions and responses have been edited and reordered for clarity.

RSM and Beneficial Use Guidance & Points of Contact

Where can planners find guidance on beneficial use of dredged materials?

[Engineering Manual 1110-2-5025: Dredging and Dredged Material Management \(2015\)](#) provides comprehensive guidance for planners to refer to. Questions about updates to this guidance should be directed to Kate Groth or Jase Ousley at Headquarters.

Where can Planners find guidance on aquatic transfer sites?

The USACE [ERDC Environmental Lab](#) can help provide appropriate guidance for specific projects and situations.

Is there a point of contact (POC) at each District for RSM implementation projects?

Because it is a Remaining Item under O&M/Navigation, Dr. Brutsché and her team work with the Navigation business line at each District, although project POCs tend to change from year to year. Planners needing to identify a specific District POC can contact Dr. Brutsché.

Beneficial Use Database

Who at the District is responsible for updating the Beneficial Use Database

[\(https://rsm.usace.army.mil/budb/\)](https://rsm.usace.army.mil/budb/)?

The data are pulled from the Dredging Information System (DIS) and then QA/QC'ed with District POCs. These POCs generally sit in Navigation. Planners needing to identify a specific District POC can contact Dr. Brutsché.

Generally, Districts should have a DIS representative who is responsible for inputting all relevant dredging data, including dredging locations and sediment placement areas, into the database. Accurate information input is key because this information serves as the basis for the data in the Beneficial Use Database.

Note: the DIS system is currently undergoing an overhaul to improve the data input process. Specific categories from [Engineer Manual 1110-2-5025: Dredging and Dredged Material Management](#) related to beneficial use and disposal will be loaded into DIS so that users can select the appropriate placement area. This more specific data/categorization will then be fed into the Beneficial Use Database, which should limit the amount of QA/QC required with the field moving forward.